

May 20, 1943

Mr. Horace Moore, Superintendent
Arizona Highway Patrol
Phoenix, Arizona

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ARIZONA ATTORNEY GENERAL

SUBJECT: Mail order license plates.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 19, 1943, relative to the above subject we are of the following opinion:

A non-resident owner of a car operated in this State other than for the transportation of passengers or property for compensation, or for the transportation of property, or in the business of a non-resident carried on in this State, is required to apply for registration within 10 days after the beginning of operation in this State in the same manner as owners of vehicles owned by residents. No fee shall be charged for such registration and no number plates shall be assigned such vehicle, but the vehicle Division shall issue to such owner a permit to operate, which permit shall be valid for the period for which the registration plates were issued by the state of which the owner is a resident.

Such non-resident owner shall not operate such vehicle either before or while it is registered unless there is displayed upon the vehicle the registration number plates assigned to the vehicle for the current calendar year by the state or country of which the owner is a resident, or unless the foregoing permit is displayed upon the windshield of the vehicle.

Hence a resident of Michigan cannot register a pleasure car owned by him, either purchased in Arizona or elsewhere, until he has complied with the foregoing conditions, which are set forth in paragraph 66-225 of the 1939 Code.

Plates upon the vehicle issued by any state other than the state of Arizona or the state of which the owner is a resident are totally void and afford no protection to the owner.

Very truly yours,

JOE CONWAY
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